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Fairfax County Exploding with Fourth of July Activities

Fairfax County will honor our nation's independence with two major fireworks displays to be held at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston and Lee District Park in Franconia on Tuesday, July 4, 2006. The community is invited to celebrate their freedom with friends and neighbors, and to enjoy this cherished American holiday in a festive, family-friendly outdoor setting.

Fairfax County has many links to our colonial past. The county's history is forever tied to the land's former owner: Lord Fairfax of Cameron, an English nobleman. Originally part of a vast territory owned by Lord Fairfax, the land was confiscated during hostilities with England in the late 1700's by the Colonial Army, led by Mount Vernon's very own George Washington. A lot has changed in Fairfax County since the days of the American Revolution. Although less than 12,000 people lived here during those hard-fought times, over one million residents now call Fairfax County home!

Lake Fairfax Park's annual celebration, "Food, Fun and Fireworks," offers an idyllic setting to watch majestic fireworks explode high above an 18-acre lake. Arrive early with a picnic dinner, or sample the fare from various food vendors. Kids will love the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole, an outdoor waterpark enveloped by a lazy river, and riding on the antique carousel. Stroll down to the new marina and boardwalk before heading back up the hill for the best view of the fireworks.

Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. The fireworks display begins at dusk, or around 9 p.m. Admission to the park is free. Rain date is July 5. For more information call 703- 471-5415

Another great place to celebrate the Fourth of July is the Lee District Park and RECenter Spectacular. The Children's Entertainment Connection will provide fun for kids from 4-9 p.m. A variety of international food vendors will offer exotic options. Enjoy live music when the Blues Condition takes the stage from 5-6:30 p.m. followed by the Sock Monkeys from 7-9 p.m. Afterward, find a good spot in the ball fields to catch the exciting fireworks show.

Lee District Park is located at 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. The fireworks display begins around 9:15 p.m. Admission to the park is free. Parking is \$4 after 3 p.m. The rain date is July 5, entertainment canceled. For information call 703- 922-9841.

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